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## A Favorite Sermon



W. F. G. Wilborn, Pastor

Rocky Creek Church, George County

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he

put the man he had formed." Gen. 2:8.

Recently we visited the Bellingrath Gardens near Mobile, Alabama. God and men have worked to make this lovely garden.

There is something Godlike in planting or visiting a gorgeous garden. The Lord planted the first garden in Eden, and here He delighted to walk and commune with Adam in the cool of the day.

This first act of the benevolent Creator for man, His highest creature, was gloriously perfect. Every tree, flower, herb, bird or beast was pronounced good, and placed therein for man's pleasure and enjoyment. All that was pleasant to the eye, palatable to the taste, inspiring to the mind, and satisfying to the soul was to be found within its walls. Eden was the perfect home. The Lord provided for man's security here. The

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## A Call To Prayer

By Norman W. Cox, President  
Mississippi Baptist Convention

Few will question the assertion that Mississippi College has made a greater contribution to our Baptist life and the cause of Christ in general than any other institution in the state of Mississippi. It was not my privilege to be born in Mississippi, or to be an alumnus of Mississippi College. The eighteen years in which I have had the opportunity to know Mississippi and Mississippi College have led me to believe that it has come nearer to doing for its denomination and its state what a Baptist college of its type is supposed to do than any other institution that I have known. It has been my privilege to know rather well the contribution of each of our great Baptist schools east of the Mississippi river and south of the Ohio. One of the things that has aided Mississippi College to make the contribution it has made to the interests it has served has been the united support it has had through the years until recently. The denomination and its consistency in general have been united behind it. Its history has been unusually serene.

Unfortunately, the storm clouds of controversy are darkening its skies. As to their sources and the forces that have created them I have no comment. Of one thing, I am certain. It is that unless the Holy Spirit intervenes so that the mind of Christ can prevail, Mississippi College is going to suffer irreparable damage. When

brethren become divided as the friends of Mississippi have and are now divided, embittered personalities become blinded so that pride, pique, prejudice and animosity obscure the larger interests.

The Lord Jesus Christ, and Mississippi Baptists have so much at stake that we should as a denomination, in this grave situation, "take it to the Lord in prayer." What Jesus would have to be done and what some of our good brethren may want to be done may be opposite.

Therefore, as the humble servant whom the Baptists of Mississippi have called to be the president of their Convention; as one who loves each and all of the parties to this unfortunate controversy; as one who would serve the interests of Mississippi Baptists and the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ; I call upon all of our churches, pastors, and people to begin immediately to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead to the settlement of these difficulties in the way that the Lord would have them resolved. And that Sunday, November 4, and the week following be set aside in all our churches, Sunday schools, B. T. U's, W. M. U's, prayer meetings, and in family and private devotions as a Day and Week of Prayer in the which we shall beseech the Lord to reconcile these differences, and that we may go to our Convention in a spirit that will prevent all strife and controversy and will insure a united and harmonious meeting in which only the mind of Christ and His will shall be voiced.



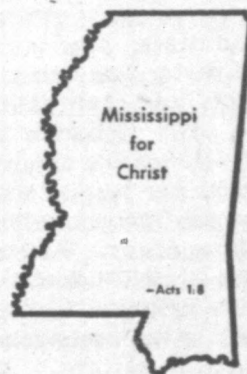
DR. T. LUTHER HOLCOMB

Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and a Mississippian, will be one of the featured speakers at the state B. S. U. Convention, October 19-21, at Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg.

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## OUR FIRST TASK, MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST

### Our First Task



### CHAPTER IV TREMENDOUS SCOPE OF STATE MISSIONS

People have been astounded at the great scope of State Missions when the departments and services rendered are listed for discussion. Pastors, Woman's Missionary Union workers and other church and college leaders have said, "I did not dream that State Missions bore the expense of all those things. We haven't been giving enough stress to our offerings for that phase of the work!"

In the pages that follow, you will view the magnificent sweep of the State Mission cause—the tremendous challenge of that part of the Master's vineyard which He has assigned to Mississippi Baptists as their own

## World Council Asks For Religions Freedom

Geneva—(By Wireless to RNS)—The World Council of Churches announced here it has appealed to the American and British governments urging complete religious freedom for Protestant churches in Italy.

The appeal, addressed to the British foreign office and the American state department, was signed by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council, and Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, director of the council's Committee on Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid.

"The World Council of Churches," the appeal said, "is greatly perturbed by trustworthy reports of increasing denial of religious freedom to Protestants in Italy. The withdrawal of Allied troops will increase Protestant difficulties. We plead for inclusion in Italian and other treaties of an emphatic statement on freedom of religion as in the Atlantic Charter and the Charter of the United Nations."

Copies of the appeal were sent to the First British Council of Churches and to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Dr. Cockburn, former moderator of the Church of Scotland, said the step was taken as part of the council's religious reconstruction program.

"It is hopeless to reconstruct if these churches are limited in their right to preach," he stated. "The smaller the church, the more it needs to be protected."

He said the council had received reports involving infringement of religious liberty for Baptists, Waldensians, Methodists and Seventh-Day Adventists.

Judea! We believe when you have studied this, you will join that growing number who say, "I did not dream all that was done through State Missions! We have not stressed our gifts to that cause enough!"

Mississippi Baptists forward State Missions through the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The Convention works through the Convention Board. The board is composed of one member from each association. The association nominates the person and the Convention elects. A regular term is three years. The Convention Board carries on the work through an Executive Committee, the executive secretary and department workers.

With a background of travel on Foreign Mission fields and in the home land, the present secretary, D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, came in 1939. He brought a confirmed conviction

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## A FAVORITE SERMON

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place was well watered and was enclosed by a wall with gates.

Eden is expressive of the character of our Lord. It reflects the "beauty of the Lord our God." The wholesome pleasure which He shares with mankind is exhibited here. Love for and enjoyment of fellowship is seen in its purest forms. God's unlimited providence is revealed in the nurture of the garden and of man. Man, made in the likeness and image of God, was entrusted with the care of the garden. This stewardship required the earnest labor, loyal obedience and constant communion of man with his Maker. Eden was "a foretaste of glory divine." Through the ages it has been the symbol of heaven on earth.

Soon the hiss of the serpent was heard in the garden. Adam yielded to Satan's voice. He ate of the fruit of the one tree which God forbade him to eat. Sin separated God and man. The curse came upon the race, the earth and Satan. Man was cast out of the beautiful garden and the way to the Tree of Life was guarded henceforth by the angel with the flaming sword at the gate. Eden was lost. Among the ruins of the garden the Lord sowed in the heart of man the hope of a new Paradise which shall never be blighted by sin. The "seed of the woman" shall conquer Satan and the more glorious life in a new heaven shall ever be secure through the power of the blood of the Son of God.

The promise of regaining Paradise and redeeming man rested upon the power of the "seed of the woman." The first Adam had tragically failed. The curse must be removed. Jesus, our Saviour, became a curse for us. All the iniquity and sin was heaped upon Him. The grief and sorrow was endured by Him. There was only one way of redemption. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by me." By obedience even unto death on the cross Jesus offers freely to every man sonship in God's family and an eternal home. The second Adam alone saves and keeps securely.

The grace and beauty of God are portrayed in many ways. He causes the cedars to clap their hands with joy. His purity is seen in the lily of the valley, and His sweetness in the Rose of Sharon. "Consider the lily," He said to His disciples, thus impressing a simple object lesson in grace and providence. If God clothes and cares for a neglected little flower, certainly He cares for His children.

It is significant that tragedy and hope should meet again in the garden where Jesus sweat as it were great drops of blood. To the garden of Gethsemane Jesus often went to pray. It was a familiar spot. Here in this garden Jesus agonized over the bitter cup He was about to drink, the price He must pay on the cross for the redemption from the fall in Eden. He was probably still in the garden that dark night when He was betrayed by Judas and arrested by the mob. He may have been crucified in a garden and certainly He was buried in a garden. It was from this garden tomb that Jesus arose triumphant over death and the grave on the third day. Mary, seeing the risen

## OUR FIRST TASK

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that sustained success in world missions finds its answer in a victorious state mission program. Preaching in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, Kentucky, District of Columbia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, Alaska, Palestine, India, China, Cuba, on the Indian ocean and on the Pacific ocean, but confirms his belief that State Missions is foundational in a world program. Participating in worship in Missouri, Virginia, Oregon, Oklahoma, Colorado, Maryland, Arizona, Illinois, Egypt, Canada, Mexico and on the Atlantic ocean, has added to his faith in the ultimate triumph of God's Kingdom. Naturally optimistic, his administration is characterized by the theme of one of his favorite sermons, "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth." Called by some the "preaching secretary," he answers invitations from all churches in the order received and preaches more than when in the pastorate. His motto is, "Every church of the Lord Jesus is a great church." Before he had been secretary a year he had visited every association, eight of them twice. In 1940 the debt on Mississippi Baptist work was \$1,079,220.06. The "Now Club" was started, giving impetus to efforts already under way to retire all debts, and December 12, 1941, was observed with a great jubilee when debts were retired ahead of time, saving about \$300,000 in interest alone. With hearty approval of a good building committee, a fine building was purchased for Baptist headquarters, saving possibly \$100,000 and several years of time waiting for a new structure. Evaluating the progress of Mississippi Baptist work the secretary gives credit to a matchless state board, a superb executive committee with princely officers and effective advisory committees, plus marvelously cooperative pastors, churches, department workers and state missionaries everywhere, all "laborers together with God." He travels on an average of 36,000 miles per year in the Mississippi work, omitting no section of the state in his ministry. Following will be seen the varied interests of the State Mission program, indicating the preeminence given evangelism and preaching.

## SANATORIUM SERVICE

One of the newest services under

Lord, thought He was the gardener. He is the gardener of Paradise.

Jesus said to the dying thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." "Paradise" means a garden, a walled enclosure. Indeed, John saw from Patmos this greater Eden, "the plantation of renown." He saw its walls, its gates of pearl, the streets of gold, the pure river of the water of life, the Tree of Life in the midst with its healing and sustaining qualities, with the enthroned conquering Christ, the source and power of life, and the mighty host of glorified redeemed ones singing and serving eternally around His throne. John saw no tears, no death, no sin, and nothing that could defile the place or mar its eternal fellowships. The gates need no flaming guard, for Satan, who brought ruin to Eden, and all those who make lies shall be banished forever. And the goodness of the Lord endures forever in the eternal garden of the Lord.

the State Missions is the ministry at the Mississippi Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Sanatorium, Miss. There are approximately 400 people at the hospital. In this number is included 30 children in the Preventorium. These little ones from two to eight years of age, love G. O. Parker, who has charge of the work, and feel toward him as toward a father. They beg him not to leave when he comes to visit them and cling to him affectionately. Services are held each month for convalescent patients and employees in the chapel of the institution. The greater part of his ministry is in pastoral visits. When he has offered religious literature to any who desire it, none has refused it.

Missionary Parker relates the following:

One night one of the patients called me to come to him. When I arrived I found him dying. He told me that he had no near relatives. No father, mother, brother, sister living. That he wanted me to come and be with him as he crossed the River. He was conscious that he was going. I remained with him and held his hand, and wiped the tears away from his eyes as he "went through the Valley" and then on into eternity. The last thing he said to me was, "Preacher, I am glad that one who knows the Lord came to me to be with me as I go into eternity. Thank you." And then in a few minutes he had gone to the great beyond.

One of the patients was a Jewess who took some tracts and a Gospel of John. Upon a later visit she asked if we had anything else like the ones we gave her, and said she had read John's Gospel, and related some of the things she had read. She was given a New Testament. Many denominations are represented and effort is made to comfort and help each one, regardless of religious beliefs. The response on the part of all has been gratifying, and some said that the minister is the only Baptist preacher who ever visited them. About 85% of the patients are confined to their rooms, where all visits must be made.

As you read this, are you not glad that, through State Missions, day and night you help provide a ministry like this for these sufferers?

## SOLDIER ON FURLOUGH WON

In a revival a mother asked that we pray for her boy in the army, stationed in Texas. On Wednesday of the meeting the boy came home on furlough. He was ahead of schedule on camp furloughs. His captain had called him in and asked if he did not want to go home for a few days. Of course he did, but he did not know they were having a revival. On Friday night he surrendered to Christ, and on Sunday night he was baptized. Monday night he had to leave for camp. The boy said he was sure that the Lord was in the getting of that furlough, as did the mother and the State Mission evangelist!

## Whitfield Ministry

The work at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, as a new ministry through State Missions, was started in January, 1944, under Tom L. Pfeifer. The two services each month are held on Thursday afternoons. Before this year, there has been no service arranged through the week for these people. There have been above 3,200 patients there all the time during 1944 and more than 400 employees. At almost every ser-

vice special music is given by the patients. The attendance averages 300, most of these being patients with from 50 to 35 employees. There are always from three to 27 who accept when the invitation is given. As a result of this work in 1944, 7,000 have heard the gospel; over 5,000 tracts have been given out; more than 300 personal contacts have been made; and more than 100 people have accepted Jesus as Saviour.

Twelve hundred people attended the services in January and February, 1945, with 13 professions of faith in these four services. Workers gave out 200 gospels in the services and could have used many more. Thirteen hundred tracts were given out the first two months of 1945. Requests from employees and patients for a service each week have come and the request will be granted.

## MISSIONARIES NOT DISCOURAGED

We had made five visits to this home in which are five young children. No results. "Why don't you folks stop coming? You see by now we are not interested, and you are wasting your time. Why don't you go some place where you can do some good?" The missionary's wife: "My friend, you have five children, as fine as I ever met. They have learned every chorus I have taught and every Bible verse I have given them." The mother: "Yes, and they worry me sick about going to Sunday school. I wish you hadn't stirred them up; our people have never been interested in church." Missionary's wife: "They are not your children; (she almost exploded) they belong to God. He is holding you and your husband responsible for them." Some response was given next Sunday.

## Baptist Student Union Department

The election of Lt. Chas. W. Horner as B. S. U. secretary for Mississippi was hailed with happiness all over the state. At the time of his selection, we in America were preparing for V-Day, the first time, thinking the war was soon to end. However, it became apparent in a few months that the war was not to end soon, and the B. S. U. committee and the executive secretary met to choose a young man to serve until Lt. Horner could be free to leave the navy. Riley Munday, native of Philadelphia, Miss., a minister just graduating at Baptist Bible Institute, was secured to serve as acting B. S. U. man. He went to work May 15, and is happy in his contacts. B. S. U. secretaries are employed in whole or in part on the campuses at University, Mississippi State College, M. S. C. W., and Mississippi Southern. The challenge of the college students is great. The new student secretary will be available for helping in the study courses in local churches, preaching in some revivals, and to help in any way possible to further all the work in Mississippi. His address is Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

## Pastoral Support Through State Missions

In addition to building aid, approximately 36 pastors' salaries have been supplemented during this 1944-45 period. In days gone by, the calls for building aid and pastor support was greater. More and more the churches are becoming self-supporting, and then they help to support others who struggle to get a start.

Woman's Missionary Union  
State Missions, in supporting Mis-  
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# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall ALL men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35.

We would like the name and address of the nearest living relative of each of the following former executive secretaries, now deceased: T. J. Walne, Lewis Ball, J. B. Gambrell and J. T. Christian. We hope to have them present for the dedication of our new Baptist building, at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Tuesday evening, November 13. Please write us at once if you have any information about these matters.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, First Baptist Church, Jackson, November 12-13; Mississippi Baptist Convention, November 13-15, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, February 25-28, 1946, Clinton, and District Stewardship Conferences, Mary 19-22, 1946.

## I

Our three new department heads have been given an overwhelming reception by Mississippi Baptists. They are Riley Munday, B. S. U. Department; J. H. Street, Brotherhood Department, and Luther A. Harrison, Music Department. They are dated almost solidly through the remainder of this year, with some dates running into next year. That is the way it should be. Mississippi Baptists are on the March!

We are seriously wondering what Mississippi and all Southern Baptists are going to do with the post-war opportunities that are ours! We never needed more preachers and better preachers than now, and yet, our seminaries are having to turn down dozens of preachers annually for lack of room. This state has been unable to find enough associational missionaries, as provided for in State Missions and church budgets. The Foreign Mission Board will be unable to man all the foreign mission stations opening up abroad. More money is needed, but above and beyond that more spiritual, capable, energetic, prepared manpower is needed! Where is the failure? Answer: It is in our professedly Christian homes, in our weak and selfish churches, in some of our institutions and departments giving themselves to things, instead of to the spirit, life and work of Christ!

Mississippi Baptists, and Baptists generally need to stop looking at the WORLD and the WORK OF CHRIST through "keyholes"! They need to look on the fields "white unto harvest." See Jesus in Matthew 9:35-38.

In 1946, if we are wise, we will go forth in the greatest preaching program ever. "They went everywhere preaching the word." (Acts 8:4.) The world has yet to see what a people "going all out" for Christ may do! If we would feed, water, refresh and strengthen our institutions and departments, we will do it the New Testament way in soul winning and enlistment!

In Christian Education, four things are badly needed to be done. 1. Settle in the spirit of Christ some present issues centering around Mississippi College. Mark you, it will not be settled unless it is done in the Spirit of Christ! 2. When Mississippi Woman's College is opened up, let it be done in a spiritual atmosphere, with a spiritual personnel throughout. 3. Arrive at a spiritual and satisfactory distribution of Christian Education funds coming from the Cooperative Program. 4. Let the Christian Education leadership get together sympathetically, cooperatively, spiritually, on an integrated, long-time New Testament program of Christian Education. Blue Mountain College should be kept strong. Adequate support must be provided for Clarke College. Mississippi Baptists are loyal to the idealism and practicalities of the Bible!

Let us present them with New Testament Spirit and Plans!

As State Mission Projects we need, among other things, to enlarge our work among the Negroes; a full-time Christian broadcasting station preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; a great state assembly that thousands of our younger and older people may study, worship, train, relax and refresh themselves at various seasons throughout the year; great outstanding Bible schools for preachers and other church leaders; an enlarged central four-weeks Bible institute; an enlarged service to patients in all hospitals; intensified work of all departments, and the Gospel preached on every hill and in every hollow in Mississippi.

As Southern Baptists we need greatly to increase our offerings in manpower and money for Foreign Missions! We need to enlarge the seminaries so that every person called into full-time Christian ministry, at home and around the world, may have the proper training! It will take money to do this! Baptists have enough of the Lord's tithes and offerings to accomplish this and more.

October is "All-church" State Mission month! That means each one of our 300,000 Mississippi Baptists should intensify their prayers regarding State Mission needs and opportunities! It means that every one of our 300,000 Mississippi Baptists should place a State Mission offering in an envelope.

If we really take seriously this business of winning our state to Christ, we would do it! Many of us as ministers and laymen might do some extra State Mission work in our vicinity during this month!

Sunday, October 28, is STATE MISSION DAY in our 1,500 Mississippi Baptist Sunday schools! EVERY PENNY OF MONEY GIVEN ON THIS DAY AND THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WILL GO INTO THE TASK OF GIVING THE "Story of Jesus" to some of the 700,000 lost people of this state, and into training the saved! See JESUS in Matthew 28:18-20.

## II

It would delight many of our hearts if Foreign Missions could receive twenty-five or fifty cents of every given Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program dollar. Foreign Missions gets right at eighteen cents out of our Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program dollar at the present time.

Let us suggest a good test for your church finances! Does your church

come up to the Cooperative Program standard along this line? By that we mean, does Foreign Missions get eighteen cents out of every dollar given by your church to all the work of Christ? Mississippi Baptists are the only ones who will determine this standard in our Mississippi Baptist life. It will be determined by the participation and cooperation of the local churches as well as by Convention plan.

## III

The state secretaries in session at Nashville listened with interest to the testimony of Executive Secretary C. W. Pope of the Tennessee Convention Board as he told of their Foundation's getting \$260,000 from June 5 to September 15, 1945. As yet their Foundation has no secretary. Their Foundation is closely tied in with Southwide institutions. It is very complete in its setup.

We regret to see Rev. A. B. Pierce, for some months secretary of our Foundation, leave the state. We regard him as one of our finest men. We do not have at hand any figures on our Mississippi Baptist Foundation work, but we do know that Brother Pierce has worked faithfully in getting it set up. We hope another good leader may be found for it—either a layman or preacher. Many months before a Mississippi Baptist Foundation as a definite organization was talked in Mississippi, we were writing in our column in The Baptist Record, urging a Foundation for the Convention Board offices, departments and other Kingdom agencies. This will never supplant the New Testament plan of bringing into God's storehouse weekly tithes and offerings on the part of the people of God.

## IV

Our Mississippi Ministers Retirement Plan has been expanding steadily, but not fast enough. We reported to the 1944 Convention 328 members. On June 25, 1945, we had 369 members, a gain of 41. That leaves 351 Mississippi Baptist pastors outside the plan! That should not be! The deacons and other church officials in every church should ask for literature and information on this plan. They should study its benefits. They should take the lead in making it possible for the pastor and the church to come into the plan. Ask any of the something less than 15 retired ministers who receive monthly checks as a result of their membership in the plan. Each one will tell you to get into the plan. Ask either of the two widows who receive monthly benefits. They will tell you to get into the plan. Ask the churches formerly served by these retired ministers. They will express their joy at seeing a beloved former pastor properly cared for.

We have only 544 churches in the plan out of over 1,500 active Mississippi Baptist churches. This is not enough. The churches of Christ need to be alert, generous, active, unselfish and forward looking.

We will be happy to help any church or pastor not understanding this plan and not receiving its benefits.

## V

We had two good services on Sunday with dinner on the ground at Good Hope church, Perry county, Brother T. W. Hembree, pastor. They have a lovely house of worship. State Missions is helping them some.

At night we were with Pastor Thurman Booth and his fine people at Terry, as they dedicated the pastor's home and a redecorated church building. Brethren Booth and Hembree are to be congratulated on the fine leadership they are affording their people on their respective fields.

We had some fine fellowship with some of our pastors and laymen on a "deep sea" fishing trip. This was at the initial suggestion of some members of the Board and we were happy to have some part in it. We hope it may be extended to include others.

We journeyed to Durant for a deacon's ordination service where we were happy to see a fine Wednesday evening congregation under the leadership of Pastor C. M. Day. Brother Day has just returned from the chaplaincy and is leading off in a fine way. Brother Madison Flowers, loyal Mississippi Baptist pastor for many years, also assisted in the service.

On Sunday a most refreshing day came along with Pastor Joe Abrams and his people at Shuqualak. Three additions to the church. In the afternoon we journeyed to Vernon church where a large congregation included official representatives from seven churches. At the suggestion of Brother Abrams and his people, a Cooperative Program offering was taken at each place and totalled well over \$200.

We still say we have some great Mississippi Baptist pastors. As we speak good words for the church of the Lord Jesus we are not defending the hypocrites in the church. As we praise with unbounded enthusiasm our very fine Mississippi Baptist pastors we certainly do not include in our thinking an occasional unfaithful pastor. Frankly, we see very few of them.

The Ole Miss BSU Council held its preschool retreat on September 25, using the theme, "Appointed for Service." Dr. F. M. Purser set the spirit of the retreat in his devotional on "Making Christ Real." His challenge to us as Christians will long be remembered. After a study of the methods book, taught by Miss Marian Leavell, our student secretary, plans were presented by each officer, goals set and adopted. Definite plans were made to enlarge the number of unions in the B. T. U., to have a Baptist supper once each month at

the cafeteria for all the BSU, to have noon prayer services twice each week, to carry through a program of fellowship hours on Sunday nights twice each month and other projects pertaining to the work of YWA, Sunday school and BTU.

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I recently loaned my Baptist Record to a neighbor and they liked it so much that they wanted to subscribe and asked me to send the inclosed subscription.—Mrs. Alton Parks.



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### HAVE A SHARE

Less than three weeks remain before the books will be closed for the Convention year on the morning of October 31. Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, said last week in The Baptist Record, "This is going to be the biggest financial year Mississippi Baptists have ever had, and certainly you will want to have the largest possible part in it."

As you read these words think over the part you have had in helping to make this the greatest year financially for Mississippi Baptists. Have you as an individual given out of your abundance to the work promoted by the Baptists in Mississippi? Has your church sent contributions to the Cooperative Program or to the special offerings? It is not too late for you to make that first contribution or to add to the amount already sent.

When the records are closed and the reports made you will want to know that you had a definite part in this history-making event. No one can do this for you. When you give of your means you are giving of yourself.

The Lord has not only blessed Mississippi Baptists as a denomination, but as individuals. We may show our appreciation for what He has done for us by returning to Him a portion of that which He has entrusted to us.

Will the name of your church be listed? Will the amount from your church and you be something of which you may be justly proud, or will you be ashamed at the little, when you could make it larger?

It is not too late. Send a contribution from your church before the books are closed. Remember that October 31 is the final day.

### A MEANINGFUL DAY

Every pastor and every Sunday school superintendent should begin now to make preparations for the proper and worthy observance of State Mission Sunday on Sunday, October 28.

This day is State Mission day in every church throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Some churches may not observe it but they will be the losers.

State Missions are "our first task." If we lag in our support of State Missions we will soon lag in our support of other objects. State Missions undergirds all of our work. State Missions deserves a chance. Many churches do little or nothing on State Mission day because the matter is not properly presented, and in many cases is not presented at all. We believe that every church in the state would give something to this important object if the pastor or Sunday school superintendent would plan for the offering.

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### B. S. U. RENDERS KINGDOM SERVICE

The week-end of October 19-21 students from most of the college campuses of Mississippi will gather at Woman's College, Hattiesburg for their annual Baptist Student Union Convention. Representative and leading students will attend. Several will participate in the program. Plans for the school year, inspirational addresses and sermons by denominational leaders will be heard.

The Baptist Student Union is the connecting link between the campus and the local church. A student who has affiliated with any of the local organizations of the church is a member of the Baptist Student Union. Thousands of our Baptist students attend state schools. The Baptist Student Union is doing a great work on state college campuses, as well as in our denominational schools, to minister to the spiritual needs of our Baptist students. Leaders of tomorrow will come from these students who have been active in the Sunday schools and Training Unions, Young Women's Auxiliaries and Life Service Bands in college centers.

On some of the college campuses or near the campus student centers have been provided. Adult student secretaries serve in an advisory capacity and promote the work for which local leaders would not have time.

The work of the B. S. U. is a product and project of State Missions. State B. S. U. Secretary Riley Munday works with the different student secretaries and student leaders in co-ordinating the work in Mississippi. Pray for and encourage these students.

### OUR SEMI-ANNUAL APPEAL

Twice yearly, before the Southern Baptist Convention and before the State Convention, we appeal to all concerned to publish reports that are to be made to the Convention.

Space limitations prevent publishing reports in full but the gist of them should be published. And certainly all proposed recommendations should be published.

If our conventions are worthwhile they deserve the very best thought. Snap judgment always leads to snap situations.

The usual custom is for a long report to be distributed. Someone explains briefly the contents and the vote is taken. This is done without much thought on the part of the messengers. Serious and careful consideration is impossible.

At the very least, all recommendations and the reasons for them should be published beforehand.

The excuse is offered that our boards cannot prepare the reports in time for publication. The reply is, start sooner.

If we take our usual snap judgment and vote without proper consideration, why have a convention? It would save time and expense simply to let the boards and committees adopt their own recommendations without reference to a convention.

Too often is heard the complaint that "a few are running things." We doubt that this is the intention of our leaders, but more pre-convention publicity would help to answer such complaints.

As it now is, messengers, when registering, are handed a large book of reports. If they did nothing else, they could not properly study these reports during the sessions of the conventions.

If suggestions and recommendations are good they will stand the light of publicity. The rank and file of the messengers will be expected to help carry out convention actions. Why not allow these same messengers the privilege of thinking through them?

And pre-convention publication would allow those unable to attend the convention time to think matters over and consult with those fortunate enough to go to the convention.

Good recommendations will not be harmed by publication. Bad ones need to be harmed.

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### KIT CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the Russian Kit Committee, advises that in order to give all churches and individuals an opportunity, the time for the campaign has been extended.

### A FRIEND IN NEED IS—

Southern Baptists should not overlook the opportunity to create good will and help pave the way for open doors which the Russian Kit Campaign offers.

A few dollars spent now while many Russians are hungry will create good will and open doors that will require many times as many dollars a few years later.

And regardless of later results, it is Christ-like to feed the hungry. Even a cup of water in the name of Christ will bring a reward.

### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

### BAPTIST PAPERS IN PUBLIC PLACES

It is highly probable that a copy of the Baptist Standard will be read by a larger number of people, and will, therefore, do more good if placed in the reading room of a hospital than in any other place. All hospitals are crowded with patients and many of the convalescents are in a mood for good reading matter. Any church can render a spiritual missionary service by supplying this need.

The superintendent of the Methodist Hospital in Dallas writes to thank someone for sending the Baptist Standard to the hospital. He says that it is called for by the patients and passed from ward to ward.

We urge our pastors and churches to take advantage of this opportunity. The average hospital, whether under state or church control, will gladly cooperate if the pastor calls attention to the fact that the paper is sent for the benefit of such patients as might want to read it. Send at least three or four copies to each hospital in the city or community.

Churches that use the back page of the Baptist Standard should not stop with the hospitals. Send a few copies to the local library. Sowing gospel seed in fertile soil will bring forth a rich harvest.—Baptist Standard.

—BR—

Last Sunday was a great day with Daniel church, Jackson. Brethren J. W. Taylor and Clinton Smith were ordained to the office of deacon. Dr. S. E. Tull preached the ordination sermon and he was at his best. The charge was given by the pastor, Dr. C. S. Thomas, and the ordination prayer was led by the chairman of the board, D. D. Welmer. All the deacons were present and participated in the laying on of hands. K. T. Sullivan is also a newly elected deacon. The new church year is starting off in a fine way.



## Sparks & Splinters

The night of September 21 Terry church sponsored a men's banquet. The ladies of the W. M. S. made all preparations for the banquet. We had 35 men attending. Rev. James Street, our new Brotherhood secretary was the speaker for the occasion and did a splendid job of it. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Brotherhood, and our purpose has been accomplished.—Thurman Booth, pastor.

Hattiesburg: Main Street church had 205 in attendance at Training Union on September 30. This was the largest in many months. Wick Wright has served as director for four years. His service has been outstanding. Leo Fillingane has been elected to succeed Mr. Wright as director.

Terry: On Sunday morning, September 23, Captain Chaplain Harbin brought a challenging message out of his experiences across the waters on battlefields with the men. At the close of his message we paid tribute of respect to our two gold stars and the challenge of the roll call of those left living who served in the armed forces.—Thurman Booth, pastor.

Hattiesburg: Our attendance at Main Street church on September 30 was the second highest it has ever been. It was 652. The peak was 675 on May 12, 1934. No church has a finer corps of workers than our Sunday school officers and teachers.—John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor.

We had a splendid revival at Grandview church, El Paso, Texas, with Dr. Walter L. Johnson of Philadelphia, Miss., doing the preaching. The music was under the direction of Lee A. Stulce of El Paso. We had 18 additions and 20 other who were converted. We expect them to unite with the church soon.—J. Fred Cole, pastor.

Roxie church in Franklin county had 31 additions during the fall revival. Twenty-six came for baptism. Pastor W. C. Stewart was assisted by Evangelist W. A. Greene of Waynesboro.

James A. Bryant, former chaplain, will be with "Christ for America" beginning November 1 and is available for evangelistic meetings. His address is 810 Land Title Building, Philadelphia 10, Pa.

Home-coming Day will be observed at Calvary church, Warren county, on October 14. The church is located 3½ miles east of Vicksburg. All members of the church and their families are urged to be present. Rev. S. D. Butler has accepted the full-time pastorate of the church beginning October 7.—Reporter.

The First Baptist Church of Savannah, G. C. Rowe, pastor, has organized a veterans' Sunday school class for all ex-service men. Mr. Paul Rice, a veteran of the North African, French and German campaigns, is the teacher.

Harrisburg church, Tupelo: Our Sunday school observed promotion day on September 30 with Mrs. Vernon Hester in charge of the program. Retiring Superintendent Maxey presented the newly elected superintendent, N. B. Gilliam, to whom was pledged the cooperation and support of every church member for the advancement of the Sunday school.—Reporter.

Gholson: We were blessed by having Dr. D. A. McCall on a recent Sunday afternoon.—Mrs. Alton Parks.

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The following associations meet next week: Deer Creek at Gooden Lake, Oct. 15 and 16; Newton at Pleasant Hill, Oct. 16; Bolivar at Rosedale, Oct. 16; Smith at Ted, Oct. 17; Attala at Williamsville, Oct. 18; Hinds-Warren at Clinton, Oct. 18; Lauderdale at Mt. Gilead, Oct. 18; Marion at Sandy Hook, Oct. 18; Pike at Tangipahoa, Oct. 18; Pontotoc at Liberty, Oct. 18; Riverside at Lula, Oct. 18; Scott at Harpersville, Oct. 18; Union at Hermanville, Oct. 18; Adams-Franklin at McCall Creek, Oct. 19; Lincoln at Macedonia, Oct. 19.

Wellman church, Lincoln county: We recently ordained Marshall Douglas and Eugene Castilow as deacons. The pastor was assisted in the ordination by Rev. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Mt. Pleasant church, who delivered the ordination sermon. Other deacons also participated in the service.—Orman Knight, pastor.

The offering for State Missions for the Week of Prayer of the W. M. S. of Ripley church was \$166.20.

The Ole Miss BSU has sent in 61 student subscriptions to The Baptist Record, made possible through the vote of the Oxford church. The church is also giving 50 subscriptions to the Baptist Student Magazine. (Editor's note: Other schools please note and "Go thou and do likewise.")

On September 1 we began our ministry as pastor of the Batesville Baptist Church. No pastor's family was ever more graciously received than were we. Upon arrival we discovered that the church had given us a large pantry shower. On Wednesday evening the church sponsored a reception following the prayer service. All the churches of Batesville participated and indicated their welcome. During the first Sunday worship service Bro. J. W. Lee, pastor of this church for the past thirty-nine years, formally placed the mantle of pastoral leadership of the church upon our shoulders. The church was filled for both morning and evening services. The other churches of the town worshipped with us in the evening service in further indication of their welcome. The people here have certainly made us feel at home, and we look forward to a most pleasant and profitable ministry in the Batesville Baptist Church.—Robt. W. Martin.

Lakeview church was recently organized in Hattiesburg. It has been a mission sponsored by River Avenue church. Rev. E. M. Bilbo has resigned as pastor of River Avenue church and accepted the pastorate of Lakeview church.

Rev. B. P. Martin has resigned as pastor at Sturgis and Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha Association) and accepted the pastorate at Marion, Arkansas.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove (Mississippian) has resigned as pastor of Columbus Avenue church, Waco, Texas, and accepted Coggins Avenue, Brownwood, Texas. During his pastorate of eight years the membership grew from 2127 to 2640 and total yearly gifts from \$26,567 to \$60,101. A building fund of \$56,000 has been accumulated.

Rev. Ivan Lowrey has resigned at Bucatuna and accepted work in Louisiana.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Nashville, Tenn.; Chaplain Harry A. Borah, Batesville; C. E. Barefoot, Poplarville; Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; Rev. Carey Cox, Hazlehurst; Rev. J. B. Smith, Billy Smith, E. A. Currey, Hollandale; Rev. J. D. Ray and Mrs. Ray, Starkville; Rev. Virgil D. Davis, Harrisville; James A. Bryant, Crystal Springs; Rev. J. D. Walker.

Winona: Mr. W. R. Roberts and Miss Carolyn Madison were with us Oct. 1-4 for a Sunday school training course. We are expecting to issue more than 30 awards as a result of their fine work.—C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor.

We appreciate a check and list of renewals from Mrs. C. B. Little for Goodwater church, Lauderdale county.

At a recent meeting of the Louisiana State Convention Board, a committee was appointed to make an investigation as to the possibility of locating a Baptist hospital in Lafayette. The committee will report to the State Convention in November.

Terry: Dr. D. A. McCall brought the message on the occasion of the dedication of our pastorium, baptistry and church renovations. His theme was "The Biggest Work in the World."—Thurman Booth, pastor.

In a recent issue of The Baptist Record it was stated that Rev. N. A. Edmunds was resigning the work at Shubuta and was retiring. We are informed that he has resigned but has not retired.

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Twelve navy chaplains were killed in action in World War II, it was announced here by Rear Admiral William H. Thomas, USN, chief of naval chaplains. In addition, he reported, seven were accidentally killed, four died from natural causes while on active duty, one is missing in action, and two have been released from Japanese prison camps.

Please be patient if your article is not published as soon as you think it should be. One and one-fourth pages of advertising have been omitted from this issue because we have so many good articles that should be used and we do not want to withhold any good thing from our readers. We are doing the best we can with the space we have.

A letter from Mrs. J. W. Oaks, Oxford, brings a subscription from her circle in the W. M. S. for one of their shut-ins. This is a good deed and we recommend this to other circles.

We were glad to receive recently a list of new and renewal subscriptions from Mt. Olive church, Lauderdale county. The list was sent by Mrs. Rosier Griffin.

Our work at Toulminville church, Mobile, Ala., is going strong. We had 452 in Sunday school on September 30 and our tithes and offerings for the day amounted to \$2,668. During September we added \$3,668 to our building fund after all items in the budget were paid.—Charles L. McKay, pastor.

Associational Missionary Martin J. Gilbert taught the book "Our First Task" the week of September 23 at the Fellowship church, Lauderdale county.—Mrs. G. V. Richardson, reporter.

Marion church, Lauderdale county, had promotion day and installation service on September 30. The Sunday school was standard for the quarter.—Reporter.

R. L. Lee has resigned the pastorate of Spring Hill church, Copiah county, and has enrolled as a student at BBI, New Orleans, La. He continues as pastor at Edwards.

Rev. Barney Walker, evangelist, assisted Pastor J. H. Pennebaker in the revival at First church, Jackson, Louisiana. The music was under the direction of Miss Kathryn Carpenter, a member of the church, who works with the Board of Rural Evangelism. There were eleven who came for baptism and five additions by letter. Since the revival three new classes have been added to the Sunday school and another unit to the Training Union. Editor's note: Pastor

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 7, 1945

	SS	BTU
Vicksburg, First	587	171
West Laurel	454	143
New Albany, First	497	240
Daniel	168	82
Jackson, First	1,135	278
Jackson, Calvary	1,120	364
Laurel, First	524	79
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	620	292
Rocky Creek, George county	119	68
Louisville	470	119
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	165	143
West Point	409	111
East Louisville	71	64
Taylorsville	155	85
Pleasant Ridge, Union county	95	
Wallerville	88	49
Houlka, Chickasaw county	71	32
Enon, Panola county	49	76
Agricola	108	83
Olive Branch	74	
Ellistown	154	132
Center, Union county	95	55
Cross Roads, Webster county	104	
Summit	157	133
Centreville	157	55
Newton	304	98
Jackson, Parkway	540	194
Kreole, First	72	65
Brookhaven, First	581	123
Wellman	67	84
Bethlehem, Jones county	85	50
Ackerman	164	51
Crystal Springs	490	139
Hattiesburg, Main Street	590	181
Winona, First	315	68

Sept. 30, 1945

Harrisburg, Tupelo	215	80
Olive Branch	73	
West Point, First	450	123
Beaumont	90	47
Friendship, Pike county	121	106
Daniel	172	69
Centreville	192	50

Pennebaker was formerly pastor at Sumner and Webb.

Laurel: The people of Beacon church are responding in a fine way. We arrived on this field August 28. Prayer meeting attendance has grown from 17 the first week to 133 on October 3. Every deacon is a tither.—W. R. Storie, pastor.

Total gifts for Petal-Harvey church, Forrest county for the past year amounted to \$10,908. Of this amount \$4,500 was for the purchase of a pastor's home. Plans are under way to raise money for an educational plant. There have been 75 additions during the five months' pastorate of Rev. Virgil Ratcliff.—Mrs. Spencer Wilson, reporter.

Rev. Eugene Stephens, 75, who served many churches in the Meridian area, passed away September 26 after an illness of several months.

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## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson



Miss Inabelle Coleman, teacher of English and religious journalism in Shanghai Baptist University, speaker for the second week of district meetings. Miss Coleman will be remembered for her outstanding contribution in religious journalism with our Foreign Mission Board prior to her going to China in 1940. She worked with the Foreign Mission Board for seven years. Dr. Maddry said of her as she was leaving the board to go to China:

"She has devoted herself with tireless energy and consecrated enthusiasm to the program and interests of this Southern Baptist agency. She has created a complete and excellent graded series of mission study books covering the work of our board in sixteen lands around the world. In addition to this worthy achievement she has firmly established the publicity department of the board and has done much, through the several agencies of publicity in the South, to rehabilitate Southern Baptists' foreign mission work at home and abroad.

"The most notable and outstanding work of Miss Coleman has been the part she has had in the creation and establishment of The Commission, new missionary journal of the Foreign Mission Board. From the first Miss Coleman has had charge of the make-up and artistic arrangement of the material going into The Commission. The high quality and genuine worth of the magazine are due in large measure to her tireless labor and artistic genius."

—BR—

Winona Lake, Ind.—(RNS)—Per capita contributions of nearly \$50 are represented in receipts of \$784,770 by the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches during the fiscal year which ended June 30, the denomination's annual report revealed here.

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SPEAKERS FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS

Miss Gladys Keith, superintendent, Rachel Sims, Mission, New Orleans, will be present in the first four district meetings. Miss Keith is a Mississippian in whom Mississippi Baptists have just pride. She was called of God to this difficult field—the "water front" of New Orleans. The Home Mission Season of Prayer folder last March told of the problems and the progress of this work. There were many difficulties to be overcome, but through every hour of the decision time she witnessed the firm leadership of the Lord. She soon found herself in New Orleans, lonely and homesick, seeking a taxicab to take her to the mission building. As the taxi drew to a stop she lost her loneliness as she saw the boys with whom she was to work. They were playing ball in the street. The ball was a wad of paper tied with twine. The bat was a broomstick. Amazed and distressed she cried to the taxi driver, "We must get balls for those boys." She did, that very week.

The boys were hers to win. Never had she dreamed that such boys existed. She spent long hours following them about, learning their interests, seeking ways to help them. She was able to find and eliminate the "hangout" of the "gang." When some of them got into trouble she went to court with them and thus gradually won her way into their hearts. Only one of that group of sixty or seventy has had to serve a term in the penitentiary. The superintendent of the Municipal Home for Boys says that each year fewer boys are being sent from that section to the home, and he gives the mission credit.

Even more difficult than the problem of winning the boys was the assignment to go to Penenston street to teach Negro children. To work so closely with them was at variance with her southern training and inclination, and a great struggle had to be won before she could enter wholeheartedly into the task. Today a Good Will Center for Negroes with a full time worker is wielding a powerful influence over that community.

As time went on, in spite of all the handicaps, this mission has established three other missions and opened the way for developing work all along the entire river front. The mission building has been repaired



## Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

We are presenting this week a list of the Brotherhoods now functioning in the state. This list will serve a variety of purposes. It will be informing to those who want to know how many Brotherhoods there are and where they are located. It will help those churches not having Brotherhoods to know the nearest church to them that has a Brotherhood. It will help us get a more complete list of the existing organizations, as pastors and presidents will read over the list, note the absence of their own organization and send us a report. In reporting a Brotherhood, kindly write for report blank or give name of church, association, pastor and address, president and address, names of other Brotherhood officers, time of meeting and frequency, plan of programs, enrollment and average attendance.

### List of Brotherhoods by Districts

**District One:** Bethel, Copiah, M. P. Jones, pastor; Center Terrace, Canton, R. Y. Gerrard, pastor; Flora Baptist, Flora, O. B. Beverly, pastor; Hopewell, Copiah, J. P. Bush, pastor; Northside, Jackson, W. L. Compere, pastor; Sardis, Copiah, T. W. Green, pastor; Strong Hope, Copiah, T. W. Green, pastor; Terry Baptist, Terry, Thuman Booth, pastor.

**District Two:** Catchings Baptist, Catchings, Dan Morton, pastor; Darlove Baptist, Darlove, J. S. Deal, pastor; East, Greenville, Greenville, C. S. Henderson, pastor; Second, Greenville, J. R. Eubanks, pastor; New Hope, Sunflower, M. E. Haddon, pastor.

**District Three:** First, Grenada, G.

### Chaplain Chastain Completes Navy Service

Judson Chastain, formerly pastor at Lexington, has completed his work in the navy chaplains' corps, and is soon to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, taking a short "refresher course" at the Southern Seminary. Friends in Mississippi rejoice over the fine record of Chaplain Chastain, and remember him and his father, who is 91 years old and still remarkably active, in their pastorates in Mississippi. The father was for a long time missionary in Mexico and is the author of some interesting mission books on his work there.

Mrs. Chastain is teaching in California, where she served while her main there until he secures a residence in Louisville. (Editor's note: Some good church in Mississippi should call Judson Chastain as pastor.)

and a workshop with a club-room for girls has been built by a gift from the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi.

E. Wiley, pastor; First, Holly Springs, H. H. Aultman, pastor; Paynes Baptist, Paynes, V. R. Crider, pastor.

**District Four:** Bissell, Lee, S. S. Kelly, pastor; West Corinth, Corinth, A. B. Jones, pastor; First, Tupelo, H. R. Holcomb, pastor.

**District Five:** East End, Columbus, W. L. Marsh, pastor; First, Columbus, J. D. Franks, pastor.

**District Six:** Highland, Meridian, E. L. Byrd, pastor; South Side, Meridian, Estus Mason, pastor; Eighth Avenue, Meridian, E. F. Graeser, pastor; Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, Paul G. Horner, pastor; Forty-First Avenue, Meridian, Ray F. Dykes, pastor; First Philadelphia, W. L. Johnson, pastor; Russell Baptist, Russell, R. H. Fitzgerald, pastor.

**District Seven:** Bethlehem, Jones, R. H. Daniel, pastor; Beulah, Jones, W. W. Allred, pastor; Clara Baptist, Wayne, V. R. Meadows, pastor; Collins Baptist, Collins, Mack Jones, pastor; First, Ellisville, George A. Nichols, pastor; Ford's Creek, Pearl River, Van Walker, pastor; Goodyear, Picayune, J. Harold Jones, pastor; Hattiesburg, Immanuel, C. O. Daniels, pastor; Thirty-Eighth Avenue, Hattiesburg, W. E. Stewart, pastor; Juniper Grove, Pearl River, Wade Smith, pastor; First, Laurel, L. G. Gates, pastor emeritus; Second Avenue, Laurel, B. B. Hilbun, pastor; West Laurel, Laurel, H. J. Rushing, pastor; Mt. Olive Baptist, Mt. Olive, L. R. Alford, pastor; First, Pascagoula, L. E. Green, pastor; First, Picayune, O. P. Estes, pastor; Pine Grove, Pearl River, E. Y. Soileau, pastor; Roseland Park, Pearl River, Morrell Lee, pastor; State Line Baptist, State Line, T. E. Swearingen, pastor; Summerland Baptist, Summerland, C. J. Hughes, pastor; Sumrall Baptist, Sumrall, T. W. Talkington, pastor; Wade Baptist, Jackson.

**District Eight:** Calvary Baptist (Silver Creek), Lawrence, Chas. E. Spain, pastor; East Columbia, Columbia, F. W. Gunn, pastor; East McComb, McComb, Rev. W. A. Gill and Rev. H. P. Porter, pastors; Westside, Natchez, James W. Crumpton, pastor; Osyka Baptist, Osyka, First, Prentiss, W. L. Sewell, pastor; Terry's Creek, Pike, G. E. Wells, pastor.

### Some Inactive

In addition to the 54 organizations listed above, we know that there are several from whom we do not have reports. Too, we have records of 61 other churches that have ordered Journals from the Southwide office at one time or another. We know that many of these had functioning organizations once, and many of these may have been revived.

### Please Send Reports

If your organization is not in the above list, kindly send us a report at once. This service will be greatly appreciated and will be of great help.

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Anderson, Ind.—(RNS)—E. F. Adcock of the Board of Church Extension of the Church of God, with headquarters in this city, reported that his department is making plans for post-war church improvements, including new buildings, remodeling, new additions and new parsonages. More than \$2,000,000 worth of such work is now being planned.





# BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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## Pearl River Associational Meeting Nets an Attendance of 363

The Pearl River Associational Training Union met with the Derby church September 16. It was a unique meeting in that chairs, benches, a table and piano were moved out under the trees and it was an outdoor affair. The roll call showed an attendance of 362. Nine pastors and one chaplain were present. The devotional was led by Rev. L. P. Petty, special music was rendered by Carriere church, First Picayune Intermediates, Pine Grove church and Picayune Juniors. A short message by Rev. S. J. Rhodes, associational missionary, was timely. Officers for the coming year were elected, and the meeting was climaxed with a fitting message from Chaplain N. B. Saucier. It was a great occasion, and a fitting close to the work of one year and beginning of another. Secretary Dorothy E. Harmon reporting.

## Drew Elects New Director

A report of the Training Union work in the Drew Baptist Church looks forward to a larger and better union during the coming months. Miss Violet Hendricks of the public school faculty has been elected to the office of director. Miss Hendricks was graduated from Blue Mountain last May. Before going to college, and all through her college days she has been interested in Training Union work, has served in almost every capacity and is well qualified for the position to which she has been elected. Congratulations are in order.

## A New Union in Neshoba County

Thanks to Associational Director L. E. Cliburn for a report on a newly organized union in Neshoba Association, Mt. Carmel church. They organized with 27 members and in two weeks grew to a membership of 53. Mr. Foster Johnson was elected director; Mr. Garvis Rhodes, associate director; Miss Inez Johnson, secretary; Miss Catheline Matthews, pianist; Mr. Garvis Rhodes, chorister; Mr. Irvin Johnson, adult president; Mrs. Erma Crenshaw, Intermediate leader; Mrs. Eunice Crenshaw, Junior leader; Mrs. Jennie Johnston, Story Hour leader. Mr. Cliburn also reports the organization of a union in the Negro church at Deemer. And so the work goes forward, the Lord honored, and the kingdom advanced.

## Handsboro Has Standard Training Union

Through an error in our office the report of the Handsboro Baptist Training Union for the first quarter of this year was overlooked. When checked it was seen that the union had qualified as a Standard Training Union and the award has been mailed to them. Mr. Henry W. Rhodes is the director of this splendid union and Rev. Milford Vaughn is the pastor. Congratulations are certainly in order. This is the only Standard Training Union reported in the state so far this year, and since so few unions in the entire south reach this standard it is quite an honor for a union to so qualify.

Ellison Ridge, Winston County

Pastor Percy Renick has recently taught a study course to his young people that proved to be a great experience. He secured the cooperation of the superintendent of the public school and time was given during the school hours for the teaching of the book to all who wanted to take it. There were 67 enrolled in the class and 43 took the examination and have received the award. The book taught was Planning a Life. Brother Renick says this was one of the greatest experiences he has ever had. The course was taught in lieu of Intermediate Emphasis Week, since it was not practical for them to have the emphasis week at that time.

## Rankin County Associational Training Union Reports Great Meeting

Thanks to Miss Doris Byrd for a good report of the last meeting of the Rankin County Associational Training Union. The association met with the Clear Branch church on September 27, Thursday night. Eleven churches were represented with an attendance of 245. Clear Branch led with an attendance of 87 and Florence came second with 80 present. The large number attending and the interest shown in the work are testimony to the good work done by the officers this past year. Rev. George Smith led the devotion, special music was rendered by the choirs of Florence and Clear Branch churches. New officers were elected and installed, the charge being given by Rev. Wayne Alliston. The guest speaker was Chaplain Glenn Harbin of Foster General Hospital. Officers who will serve this year are: Director, Rev. Joe Haigler; associate director, J. L. Alliston; secretary, Miss Doris Byrd; pianist, Miss Gwendolyn Compere; chorister, Joe Haigler; group directors, Mrs. G. W. Smith, Douglas McDonald; department leaders, Mrs. E. T. Sharp, Mrs. G. F. Minton, Miss Aultman, Mrs. Joe Sanderson and Mrs. Warren. The next meeting will be at Florence Thursday night, December 20. An attendance pennant will be given at each meeting to the church that has the largest attendance. Clear Branch now holds the pennant.

## SIDON PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION



Sidon Baptist Church, Rev. Gene Crawford, pastor, provides regular and adequate bus transportation for rural families living nearby. We see above some of those who take advantage of this worthy means of meeting regularly at the house of worship. Pastor Crawford and his people at Sidon are certainly alert in Kingdom service. Many of our Mississippi Baptist churches might greatly forward Kingdom causes by offering such transportation service to families living nearby.—D. A. McCALL.

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## AT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS CRUSADE CALLS

### Evangelism and the Centennial Crusade

We are on the last lap of the Centennial Crusade. This is the period that calls for the straining of every muscle. This is the period in which the victory will be won or lost. Some pastors have already overshot their quotas. Others have reached their goals. Still others have almost reached their marks. A few have folded their hands and said that it would not be done. Even now, however, Christ will give victory to those who lean upon Him and decide to enlist their people in doing their very best for God. May the Lord put His Hands upon YOU brother pastor for the tremendous job of the harvest field which faces us all in this world-shaking hour—W. A. Bell, Director of Evangelism.

### Rehabilitation and the Centennial Crusade

To this writer rehabilitation means far more than simply rebuilding what has been destroyed. It means a construction that has been postponed and that ought now to be done. As Baptists looking forward in Mississippi, and in the world, we must give largely to the help of those who have suffered so tremendously during the war days. We must take care of our rebuilding program on foreign fields. We must likewise give largely in rebuilding and building here at home, in our own state, and in our local fields.—Frank Moody Purser, Director of Rehabilitation.

### Stewardship and the Centennial Crusade

During our Centennial year we have experienced many victories. War has come to an end, and we rejoice at the thought of enduring peace. Great victories, too, are the revivals held all over our land in which people have accepted Christ as Savior. Many church members have reconsecrated their lives and a large number of churches have taken on new life. To those who have surrendered their lives for the first time, and to those who have gone further in service, we must give the words of Jesus about Stewardship. His parables and His exhortations leave no doubt about the importance of giving. Without the right attitude toward Stewardship. There can be no abiding joy in Christian service. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts."—Claud B. Bowen, Director of Stewardship.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary      W. R. ROBERTS, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### September Standards

We are happy to list below the standards for September, as follows:

**Schools:** Laurel First, no pastor at present, Sam Lindsey, superintendent; West Point, Rev. Leon Macon, pastor, W. R. Bruce, superintendent; Lyon, Rev. A. E. Mason, pastor, A. B. Adams, superintendent; Senatobia, Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor, Sam C. Stevens, superintendent; Coldwater (Neshoba county), Rev. Ray Megginson, pastor, George N. Johnson, superintendent; Hazlehurst, no pastor, D. R. Sanderson, superintendent; Marion, Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor, I. E. Stokes, superintendent.

**Departments:** Cradle Roll, Escatawpa, Mrs. A. P. Megehee, superintendent; Beginner, New Albany, Mrs. W. L. Heard, superintendent; Intermediate, Hollandale, Mrs. Woodson Campbell, superintendent.

Thanks and congratulations to all of these fine leaders.

### Ellis Freeman

Early on Tuesday morning, September 25, Ellis Freeman, faithful janitor of the Baptist building for 27 years, was struck by a truck and died a few hours later at the Baptist Hospital.

We had known Freeman for more than 21 years, and found him to be a fine Christian who loved his church, was faithful to all his tasks, was pleasant at all times, and was possessed of a humble spirit. This faithful servant of Christ has passed on to his heavenly home. In thinking of him, we are reminded of the scripture, "It is required of a steward that a man be found faithful." He was faithful at all times and to all duties. We are grateful for the fact that through these years we had the opportunity to know him.

### State Mission Day

Sunday, October 28, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school. This is true every year, and is following a long precedent of the Sunday school giving special emphasis on one day of the year to our State Mission program.

The Sunday School Board has mailed a program for that day to each superintendent. If you did not get yours, write us and we will send you one since we have a few on hand. Due to paper shortage, the State Mission program this year will not be printed in the October issue of "The Teacher" and "The Sunday School Builder," as heretofore. Instead, an additional program is being sent in the package of program material for that day, thus giving three instead of two programs this time.

We sincerely hope that every school in the state will plan for a great program that day for the twofold purpose of educating and informing us about our state mission work, as to its needs, opportunities and possibilities, and will also plan well in advance for having a great offering on that day. This is the only time in the whole year that our Sunday schools are asked to make a special offering exclusively for state missions.

How great and needy is our ever-

increasing state mission work! The needs are great and the opportunities unlimited. Therefore, let's make an offering on State Mission Day, Sunday, October 28, that will be worthy of the work of Christ in our own state of Mississippi.

Please send all money for that offering to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

### New Superintendents

We are now beginning a new Sunday school year. Officers and teachers were elected in September to begin the new year the first of October. Each year we have many new superintendents. We are so eager to keep our mailing list up to date.

Therefore, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will write us at once giving the name and address of your superintendent, if he is a new one. Also, give us the name of your church and association. This will greatly help in mailing letters and literature to these fine servants from time to time. We have no way of knowing of these changes unless we are informed. The associational minutes are sometimes late getting out.

### The Nashville Clinic

August 19-31 our associate Sunday school secretary, seven associational missionaries and one educational director attended the Nashville Southwide Sunday School Clinic, a truly great meeting, and about which further items will appear later.

Mr. J. N. Barnette, Sunday school secretary, brought a great message on "Southern Baptists' Conception of the Sunday School," a brief outline of which follows:

Southern Baptist Sunday school work is anchored to certain unchangeable truths: unswerving devotion to the Bible, an unashamed loyalty to Christ, love of souls, doctrinal unity, the Sunday school as a church agency, being in, of, by and for the church.

Southern Baptist Sunday school work is guided by a great denomination, wanting to direct their own work since 1850, and publishing our own literature for the last 50 years.

Some crossroads we have faced are: church building types, our own grading system, training courses with books that any intelligent person can study and understand, and providing our own lessons.

This work is promoted by methods of voluntary cooperation, as, for example, the Sunday School Board, state Sunday school departments, and local leadership. We have met with a measure of success because we have developed practical means and methods to promote the work.

### FOR PROSPECTIVE NURSES

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Southern Baptist Hospital appearing elsewhere in this issue. Stoppage of government funds for Cadet Nurses will not affect students in that school of nursing, as it was not in the cadet plan. The hospital will continue to furnish maintenance, uniforms, textbooks, etc., free of charge, and will also continue to pay a liberal monthly stipend to each student. The next class will be admitted in January.

New York—(RNS)—U. S. Army and Navy surplus war supplies, now held for disposal in various parts of the world, may be purchased by American foreign mission boards, it was reported here by Miss Sue Weddell, executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of

North America. Needs of a number of mission boards have already been filed with the government, Miss Weddell said, and others are invited to make up their lists at once and advise mission personnel to contact their area offices.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 14  
THE CHRISTIAN HOME A SCHOOL  
OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Texts: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Luke  
2:51, 52; Ephesians 5:22, 25;  
6:1-4

### Introduction.

Every home is a school of some kind, and don't you forget it; but only the Christian home is a school of Christian living. It is also true that the home wields more influence in the forming of the character of the child within its walls than does any other educational institution to which that child may be sent, influence in the formation of his character either for bliss or bane. This is a law of the ages, old as the human breed, older than book or sermon, older than chant or creed, that the home of the child shall mould the child as wild winds sway the reed.

### I. The Sublimest Privilege and Profoundest Obligation of Parents.

Deut. 6:4-9.

1. Give heed to God! Embrace every opportunity to learn more of God, upon every page of nature's ample volume, every page of His written word, from every disposition of His providence, from every whisper of His spirit into the ears of the listening conscience! On a late yesterday I assisted in the funeral of a Christly young wife and mother. She had gone down into the valley where the mothers of men travail in pain to give them life, and had brought forth her baby in health and perfect form, but herself had gone on over the purple hills that rim the other side of the valley. The young husband was with me an hour since and I talked to him of the God who is kind to all His children, who never smites in anger or lashes out in a sudden rage; but who aims always and in all cases to consume the dross and refine the gold in the hearts of those He loves. The widowed husband has passed under the rod and is experiencing the wonder of a closer walk with God and a more intimate knowledge of Him. Know Him as a result of every experience.

2. Love the Lord with the whole life! Give Him first place everywhere.

3. Bear witness for Him under all circumstances. Bear witness to the world in your dress, your deportment, your walk, your way, that God is real to you, and that you have chosen Him as Captain of your soul.

4. Make Him known to your children while they are young. At table, by fireside and bedside, in every place about the home, give them to see the goodness of God in you. Plant His word as good seed in the fertile plots of their hearts, and the reaping in kind is as sure as the promises of God. Neglect such planting at your own soul's peril and the peril of theirs.

### II. A Glance at the Boyhood of the Master. Luke 2:51, 52.

1. Submission. The boy Jesus was subject to His mother, and this because she was His mother. He was the model son of a good mother.

2. Advancement. He did not simply bulk bigger with the passing days:

He advanced. Faced by all the problems of a normal childhood and young manhood, born into a world which was to Him as it was to you a jungle of ignorance, we see in His case a process of developing mental life under the control of a masterful will, at whose command He hacked His way out into freedom. He indulged such practices as developed His body into healthful strength. Again, He advanced, and here as everywhere else, the will was regnant and the struggle a real one, in favor with God and man. You may change the words, "grew in favor," if you want to know the truth. Luke did not mean that, as He grew our Lord more and more a favorite with God and man; but that He advanced in grace by the side of God and man. By the side of God and by the side of man, He maintained His fellowship with God and man, in all the years of his development.

### III. Prescription for a Christian Home. Ephesians 5:22, 25; 6:1-4.

1. Subjection of wives to their husbands as unto the Lord. Well, what is humiliating or mortifying about that? "As unto the Lord," speaks of a submission which alone of all the conditions possible to any woman gives her a guarantee of freedom. Every wedded pair must have a head, and a Christian woman will want her husband to be that head, the head of their family, the head of their religious life.

2. The husband's part. To love the wife, even as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it. That is sublimating the advance to the young husband, "Keep up your courtship after your marriage." Husbands sometime unconsciously grow into domestic tyrants, or carelessly come to take the gentle ministrations of wife and child as matters of course, neglecting the little courtesies which sweeten all the toil of the good wife's life. The marriage relation under God does, of course, take on a sacred character. Then for a husband to love his wife as God loved the church is to give to the marriage a spiritual character in accord with which the wedded pair both as one look to the Lord for the complete fulfillment of the harmonies and joys of the marital relationship.

3. Children to parents. Obedience, "in the Lord." All you parents who read this, ask yourselves what that phrase means. What character of obedience would a child render its parents out of the Lord? What sort of home is it in which the relationships are maintained out of the Lord? What would come out of that? Just how would the little son and the little daughter of the town squire, for instance, honor their father? I am concerned that the children find it possible to obey their parents, "in the Lord." Outside of that condition, I do not know just what to say to those children.

4. Fathers to children. Do not subject the children to harsh or unfair treatment. If you do, they never will forget it, and it will always hurt them to remember it.

Train the children in the right way. Make it impossible for your children to grow up without knowing about God from you.

—BR—

Rev. Garland McInnis has resigned Cartersville church (Lebanon Association) and accepted the pastorate of River Avenue church, Hattiesburg.

## Laymans' Day To Be Observed In Radio And Church Programs

Many churches all over Mississippi and throughout the South will observe Layman's Day on Sunday, October 14.

Radio programs are being carried in Mississippi as follows: WSKV, McComb, Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter, directing; WJDX, Jackson, Dr. Claud directing; WCOC, Meridian, Dr. Edward L. Byrd, directing; WCBI, Columbus, Dr. J. D. Franks, directing; WELO, Tupelo, Dr. F. M. Powell directing; WGCM, Gulfport, Dr. Harry T. Brookshire, directing; WFOR, Hattiesburg, Dr. J. E. Barnes, directing; WAML, Laurel, Dr. B. B. Hilbun, directing; WJPR, Greenville, Dr. C. S. Henderson, directing. It is quite likely that other stations will carry programs, plans for which have not been reported.

In the churches the observance of Layman's Day is taking a variety of forms. In some cases the men will sit in a body in either morning or evening service. In some churches, a layman will speak in the morning worship hour. In other places the men will occupy the choir for one service, or special recognition will be given the men present in the services. Pastors are preaching special sermons appropriate to the occasion.

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union work, is undergirding the whole mission program to the ends of the earth. The salary of the W. M. U. state secretary, Miss Edwina Robinson, the field workers, the Royal Ambassador worker, the office help, office rent, traveling expenses and incidentals are paid by State Missions. The urgent need for expanded work in this department is seen when we note that less than half the churches in Mississippi have a Woman's Missionary Society, since only 660 organizations are reported out of more than 1,500 churches. The organizations for teaching the children missionary facts are even fewer, as we find there are only 337 Sunbeam Bands, 267 Royal Ambassadors, 433 Girls' Auxiliaries, and 187 Young Women's Auxiliaries, for the 1,500 churches. An enlarged and intensified program is the definite aim of the W. M. U. this year. Summer camps for boys and girls at separate seasons minister to them during a vacation period, under trained leaders who stress the missionary motive in investing of life for youth, while they see that the youngsters have a happy camp stay. Many were led to become Christians, and numberless boys and girls have formed resolves to dedicate their lives to God's work at the summer camps. The Y. W. A. group also has a camp period. Until they own a permanent camp, Clarke College has been helping by allowing its buildings to be used for camps.

Another progressive step recently taken by the W. M. U. is the securing of James Fairfield, talented young Mississippi minister, graduate of the Seminary at Louisville, to serve as Royal Ambassador worker. He gives half time to Mississippi and half time to Alabama. The leadership in the department looks forward to the time when they can have a full time worker for the boys. Also during the summer, several extra workers help in camp activities, both with the boys and girls.

## Preachers' School

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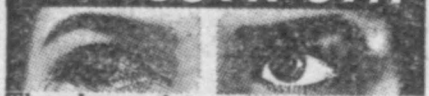
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them and receive certificates upon the completion of the work; is a new idea in State Missions. The first school was held in 1945 and was received with the greatest acclaim. Pastors were able to attend with practically no cost, as the expense was borne by State Missions, while the faculty and administration at Clarke College cooperated without charge to the men taking the work. The inspiration gained in the classes and the Christian fellowship on the campus made the school a brilliant success, and the request that it become a regular part of the work has been urged.

## Associational Missionary Idea Grows

Applications for 17 associational missionaries have been received where associations have met the requirements for help through the State Mission gifts. This work is rapidly coming to the front, and many associations are considering this plan. The churches, through the executive committee of the association, work in cooperation with the State Mission Board, and in this way strong men are being secured. The association leads in selecting the man, and in mapping out the definite needs, and State Missions supplements the salary.

This is one of the finest and most far reaching plans now in operation, to spread the work into every place where there is no church, and to see that revivals and Vacation Bible schools are held in every community.

## Negro Work

A growing concern on the part of Mississippi Baptists toward aiding the Negroes in our state has been wit-

## STRANGE REVIVAL BLESSED

In a remote section of our state a revival was held in a sawmill shack, the former home of a Negro sawmill worker. No musical instrument, a dozen song books, three lamps, and rude benches made up the physical equipment. The house was overflowing service after service. Strange were the services indeed. Old familiar songs were sung over and over each night. Strange prayers also. People not having form or plan for prayer, prayed as if they were just talking to God. Personal work was carried on in the most matter-of-fact fashion as each saved felt a deep concern for the lost. These methods and persuasive powers were surprisingly effective in this case. A great revival was the result, and State Mission workers rejoiced.

nessed during the past few years. In 1944 there were held between 14 and 20 institutes of leadership for them, in which outstanding ministers of white Baptist churches took the lead in teaching and in conferences, along with some of the Negro leaders who have already attained success in their chosen church fields. The money given through the State Mission budget in this item last year was well spent, but was a mere trifle in the light of what the real need is. Some help in a small way has been given Natchez College. The Catholics have been spending many times the amount the Baptists are putting into this work, and on the coast on of the things being promoted is a seminary to train young Negro Catholic priests. Definite efforts are being made by our Catholic friends to enlist promising young Negroes in their own school system rather than leaving them to be educated at the public schools in

Mississippi. Other determined movements to enlist Negro youth in worldly and sinful activities for the profit the promoters derive are evident in practically every community of any size. It behooves the people of God to arise and help the leaders of this race to guide their people in the right paths. The leadership of the Negroes appears to be sensible and Christian, and the ones we have worked with showed evidence of devotion to the true teachings of the Book, and a desire to lead their people toward God. The evil white people are trying to tear down what the good Negro leaders do. The white Christians should help them lift their race to better levels. Negroes love their pastors, and by helping these, we may help their people.

## ENTIRE FAMILY NOT CHRISTIANS

In one home, there are 13 children, three sets of twins. The mother is the only one who can read or write. None are Christians; none go to church or Sunday school. We worked in this home a week, reading the Bible and teaching and praying. The first set of twins, girls 20 years old, confessed Christ and were baptized. The missionary "left the fire burning." Shall Mississippi Baptists follow up such work?

## Choctaw Indians

Approximately 3,000 Choctaw Indians reside in Mississippi, mostly in the eastern section, and very little is being done for them, at this time. There are about nine churches among the Choctaws and these are evidencing a great interest in the whole work, and are showing a commendable attitude toward the Mississippi Baptist task. Some of their ministers have joined the Minister Retirement Plan and some Sunday schools and Training Unions are being attempted by them. Their women have been active in their organizations also, and take keen interest in their business

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## "Our Father"

IN the only language known to the deaf, Missionary J. W. Gardner, above, is signing the word "Father" of the Lord's Prayer.

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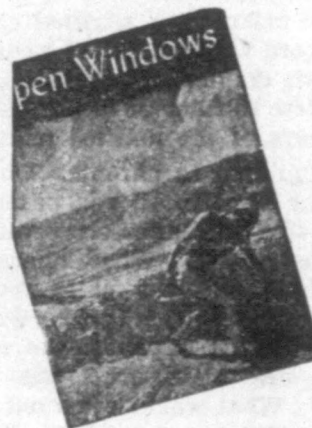
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meetings and promotional work. Several hundred dollars annually are spent in this work. A fruit of State Missions is seen in the licensing to preach of a young Choctaw, J. C. Allen, recently. He has taken active interest in all denominational work in the new Choctaw Association.

Since the government schools for the Indians are producing a generation that can read and write English, the doors are open wider than ever before for a man with a vision to work among these Choctaws, without the handicap of the language, which was formerly a barrier to effective work.

## NOT SETTLED YET

"Good evening, Mrs. —, your neighbor just down the road told us that you live here. How many in your family?" "Two sons and the old man," was her reply. "Where do you go to church?" "We don't go to church. We are Baptists, but we have not settled down yet, so just left our letter back in Alabama. We did go to a Holiness meeting about 10 years ago, but that wasn't nothing." "How long have you been living in this section?" "Well, now, let me see, our first son was born right down the road, and he'll be 22 next month." (Twenty-two years, but haven't "settled down" yet!) A lack of a sense of home life is one of the greatest hindrances we meet. Nothing to tie to, so no sense of responsibility to community, or school, or church, or even to family. We have been in hundreds of homes in the delta in just this frame of mind. There is a remedy but who is willing to apply that remedy?

## Stewardship Conferences

Still another recently added State Mission feature is the District Stewardship Conference. Five of these have been held annually, using prominent local pastors and out-of-state men. These efforts have been received well by the people in sections of Mississippi where meetings were held. The aim is to give different communities opportunity to enjoy the conferences which come without cost to local churches, being provided through State Missions.

Stewardship tracts and colored posters in wall size are available, free for the asking, at Baptist headquarters for use in any organization. Missions have annually provided for the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference which has proved to be a most largely attended and probably the most inspirational meeting to be

## LOVING PERSISTENCE NEEDED

"Good evening, Mrs. —. We are Brother and Mrs. —, the new missionaries. We heard—" "Well, I don't have any money, and besides—" "No, lady, we don't want any money. We heard that your husband was taken to the hospital, and we came to offer our assistance and to pray with you for him." "Well, now, you might do something like that. I guess it won't hurt at all." She stood with her head "poked" through the door. We prayed, but we never got an invitation to enter the home. These people are poor and superstitious. They need instruction. Shall we "pray and stay" for them?

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7. Organize a junior choir—8-12—which may also be directed by the choir director or someone he selects.
8. Magnify congregational singing. Give it a place in your services with two or more songs at the morning worship and from twenty to thirty minutes at the evening service.
9. Use your senior choir at every service and your other choirs for an extra number at the same service.
10. Make the music a means of creating a spiritual atmosphere in every service.

## Music Needs in the New Church Building

We are launching the greatest

found in the Calendar of Activities. This is another indication of the effort of Baptist leaders to keep evangelism as a first emphasis, and soul winning as a first spiritual practice. The best in Mississippi and the South are heard on these programs. Truett, Scarborough, Sampey, Lee and others have spoken.

A sample of the content of one large colored poster is shown on page 27.

## Evangelistic Conference

Among some other helpful features Mississippi Baptists through State

## NEW CHALLENGE COMES

There is a great challenge among the people of our government resettlement projects. A certain church, in one county, was organized with 25 members. Others were won and some came by letter, and their membership was 68 within a week. We organized the Sunday school, the B. T. U. and the W. M. U., so the church moved right off, well organized from the beginning. Nearby pastors assisted and encouraged. A pastor was recommended, and he accepted and led them in building a beautiful house of worship which now stands for itself. Under many problems, because of their situation this church grew, though they were put out under trees to worship and finally went into a vacant Negro church building, because they could not, because of convictions, organize a union church. There were about 33 to 35 families on the project.

building program Baptists have ever witnessed. Churches with a great debt on their auditorium have paid that debt and are planning to build a new educational building. Other churches have built an educational building and now have funds set aside for an auditorium. We are suggesting that all who are planning to build, provide adequately for every phase of the work.

The music needs of our churches have been overlooked all during the years, but now that we are looking toward a greater program of church music in our state, let us plan with care as we build.

The larger churches will want to plan for a space for the organ, known as the organ chamber. There are certain specifications that, if followed, will give greater ease and less expense in building your organ.

We face the matter of a comfortable place for choir rehearsals, so that we can be warm in the winter and cool in the summer without heating and cooling the auditorium. Provide for a choir room.

Many churches have three or more choirs. Why not plan for extra choir platforms on each side of the main platform and have these choirs present at every service? Some of our churches in the north have five choirs present at every service. Three on the main floor and two in a balcony effect.

These are suggestions and your music department will be happy to confer with you in all of your plans.

The following associational-wide schools of music have been scheduled for this fall:

- October 14-19—Tangipahoa church, Pike Association.
- November 5-9—Calhoun City, First church, Calhoun Association.
- November 18-23—Pascagoula Baptist Church, Pearl River Association.
- November 24-25—Pearl River Indian church, Philadelphia. Music clinic.
- November 26-30—Natchez Baptist Church, Adams-Franklin Association.
- December 5-7—Music clinic, Madison Association.
- December 7-12—Okolona First Baptist Church, Okolona Association.

Three music conferences have been set:

- December 8—North Central Mississippi Music Conference, First Baptist Church, Grenada.
- December 15—Central Mississippi Music Conference, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.
- December 22—South Mississippi Music Conference, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

These three conferences will be for all church musicians, pianists, organists, choir directors, song leaders and singers. 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

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Rev. John C. Busby, who recently resigned as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, has accepted a call to the pastorate of First church, Rockmart, Ga.

## MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- October 15—Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Young People's Counsellor for W. M. U. District 2.
- October 16—Rev. James Horton, Marion County Convention Board Member.
- October 17—Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Blue Mountain College Trustee.
- October 18—Mrs. E. C. Horton, Associational Superintendent W. M. U. District 3.
- October 19—Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo County Convention Board Member.
- October 20—Mrs. George D. Williams, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent District 8.
- October 21—Pray for Home Cooperation Week, October 21-26.

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Mrs. Christine Swidell recently sent a list and a check for subscriptions on the EVERY FAMILY Plan for Harmony church, Zion Association.

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## Baptist Policy Based On N. T.

By B. E. Phillips

I grew up in a Baptist home and I am sure that had a great deal to do with me joining the Baptist church. I joined when I was fourteen years of age. But when I began studying the Bible for myself and reading Baptist literature I became a Baptist from convictions. I could not be anything now but a Baptist. I believe and love Baptist doctrine and Baptist policy. I have learned that joining the church does not make one a Baptist but what one is and believes makes one a Baptist.

One of the fundamentals with Baptists is that the New Testament is our rule of faith and practice. There are just two things I mention here and briefly discuss. One is love. Jesus said to His disciples on His last earthly night "and a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another" John 13:34, 35. It is impossible to have religion without love. "Honor all, love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" I Peter 2:17. We cannot glorify God even in our denominational work if love is not our motive. This is the bedrock principle on which we must stand if we shall do God's will.

Another thing in Baptist principles is an open policy for Christian work. Baptists have held to this policy since the very beginning of New Testament days. John the forerunner of Jesus practiced an open policy in His work. Jesus made His policy known to all. The New Testament saints had an open policy in their work. All through the ages Baptists have held sacred unto themselves this principle of an open policy. And Baptists must ever hold this as a priceless heritage. This practice develops confidence, a clear understanding of the goal to be attained, a love one for another. Every time this policy is forgotten or ignored, misunderstanding and confusion follows. I stand for the open policy, and reject any other policy. This is the Lord's way for us. This is the way to avoid entanglements. With the open policy we go hand in hand with religious work and always go forward.

## FORMER STATE EVANGELIST SENDS GREETINGS

E. D. Estes, for many years state evangelist in Mississippi, who is now serving in the same position in Arkansas, has written regarding his seven-and-a-half years of ministry in Mississippi, and the blessings of their memories.

Among the things stressed by the writer in his letter to the editor were the following, which we quote in part:

The pastors were gracious to me and very cooperative in our work. I miss their Christian fellowship and my many other friends there. It was my great joy to help start and organize seven new churches. All of them have new church

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## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

### Called and Accepted

Lester Lane, First, Suffolk, Va., from Greer, S. C.

J. Maurice Trimmer, Fifth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., from First, Macon, Ga.

Roy H. Proffitt, Calvary, Corsicana, Texas.

C. H. Phifer, New Gulf, Texas.

J. D. Nelson, Gargo, Texas, from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Omer Hyde, East Side, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Stephen W. Miller, First, Humble, Texas, from Carlton.

Reuben Smith, Ysleta, Texas.

O. L. Bryant, Overton, Texas, from Everman.

A. A. Barley, Byers, Texas, from Vera.

Ted M. Jones, Peachtree, Atlanta, Ga., from First, Key West, Fla.

Ashley V. Pickern, First, Perry, Fla., from Griffin, Ga.

R. H. Whittington, head Bible department, Louisiana College, from New Orleans.

E. V. Philpott, Elton, La.

John C. Hendrick, Danville, Va., from Oak Hill, Ky.

Ford F. Hauntt, Calvary, Muskogee, Okla.

Kenneth R. Grant, Beach Street, Gordon, Ark.

E. N. Calhoun, Porum, Okla.

E. L. Carnett, professor, Southwestern Seminary, from First, Mansfield, La.

Windom Johnson, Bethel, East Los Angeles, Calif.

C. J. Davis, Rocky, Okla.

Louis Bristow, secretary, Southern Baptist Hospital Commission.

Luther Reese Harris, head of Bible, Oklahoma Baptist University, from Kansas.

Frank B. Burrell, Fountain Memorial, Washington, D. C., from Hawkins, Tex.

George C. Humble, Bible department, Baylor University.

Charles N. McKay, Touenville, Mobile, Ala., from Rustin, La.

E. W. Arnold, Natalbany, La., from Due West, S. C.

Percy F. Herring, Bridgedale, New Orleans, from Beacon, Laurel, Miss.

Stanley Jordan, First, Hamburg, Ark.

Frank S. Groner, superintendent of Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Open house for new students and transfer students was held at the Oxford Baptist Church the night of September 24. Some two hundred students attended and were given invitations to the church services and BSU activities.

houses. I preached the first sermon in starting the Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss., where Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Eubanks have done fine work. One of the greatest joys of my ministry in Mississippi was the organization of New Hope and Bethany Baptist Churches in Sunflower county. I rejoice in the work of J. D. Aycock whom I picked out to be a leader when I first saw him. Now he is a preacher. Look at the work of Miss Margaret Bibb. They both were charter members of New Hope church. Hundreds of others I would love to mention, but space will not permit. God bless you all!

Brother Goodrich, you have been gracious in our mission work. All Baptist preachers and Christian people in Mississippi know that you have done a good job in the E. F. Plan of The Baptist Record, as editor and in financing same.

Several hundred were saved in my mission work while in Mississippi. I count only those who were baptized either by the pastor or by me, and did not use the plan of asking for profession of faith to join other churches. I wish all of you would pray for me in my work in Arkansas.

## Mississippi College Paragraphs

Last Sunday it was our pleasure and privilege to carry the enlargement program to Charleston, our boyhood home. The church was filled with people, many of whom we have known through the years. They listened attentively to what the hometown boy had to say. Keen interest in Mississippi College was expressed and pledges of support made. We were in the midst of old friends and the sons and daughters of old friends and felt it and were inspired by it.

David T. Cranford, of the class of 1937, is the pastor. He is one of three brothers and a sister who attended Mississippi College, as did their father before them. So highly was David regarded by the saints at Charleston that when he went into the chaplaincy, the church refused to accept his resignation, but gave him a leave of absence. He is back and leading the congregation there in a splendid way. A building fund of several thousand dollars has already been accumulated. Plans are being made to begin work on the structure as soon as conditions will permit. A modern church plant in Charleston would not only accentuate the work of the kingdom there, but also in all the outlying districts.

Pastor Cranford and Mrs. Cranford had just suffered a severe loss in the home-going of their precious little girl of three and a half years. They are bearing their grief with Christian fortitude. They are in touch with the source of all strength and know that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to them who are called according to His purpose."

We were entertained in the home of Mrs. Ned Rice, who for many years was president of Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi. She was one of the splendid daughters of John Neely, who was for many years chancery clerk of Tallahatchie county. His daughter, Lillian, has been serving in this capacity for many years and bids fair to break the record set by her illustrious father. The Rice and Neely families are pioneer families of Tallahatchie county. They have long been friends and supporters of Mississippi College. Many of them have received their training in Mississippi College. Attorney General Greek L. Rice has been a member of the Board of Trustees during our term as president and our warm and devoted friend, as well as a great friend of his Alma Mater.

We found in Charleston, as elsewhere, that the former students of Mississippi College are filling a useful place in the church life. Among them is W. W. Gunn, of the class of 1914, who is superintendent of education of the county and an active church worker, serving as deacon. That, of course, is as it should be. Mississippi College is not fulfilling her mission if her sons and daughters are not making a worthy contribution to the building of the Kingdom. O. B. Robertson, of the class of 1945, pastor of nearby churches in Tallahatchie county, honored us with his presence in the service. His wife, the

## GOING PLACES

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Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

## STONEWALL

While Pastor Sollie I. Smith was in Memphis in a revival we supplied for him. Two good audiences greeted us.

Plans are being made to build a new church. They now have \$5,380 in the building fund. During the past year there have been 23 baptisms and \$1,559 contributed for missionary causes.

One secret of the financial progress of the church is the fact that there are 50 tithers.

Clarke county Record readers are now listed as follows: Center Ridge 2, Crandall 1, ELAM 24, ENTERPRISE 74, HARMONY 35, Knight's Valley 1, MT. ZION 21, PACHUTA 43, PINE HILL 11, PLEASANT HILL 14, QUITMAN 100, SHUBUTA 18, SOUENLOVIE 27, STONEWALL 125, DESOTO 33, OAK GROVE 19, BUCATUNNA 15, MT. ROSE 45, Northrup Chapel 3.

The many friends of Rev. Alexander Best of Konawa, Okla., are extending sympathy to him in the loss of his lovely wife who has recently passed away. Mrs. Best was the former Ruby Anderson, native of Pike county, Mississippi. She graduated at the Centerville high school and Mississippi Southern College, and was a constant helper in all her husband's church work. She taught school in several sections of Mississippi before her marriage. She was buried at Centerville. Rev. S. G. Pope of Enon, La., officiated.

Rev. W. E. Hardy has resigned at Lexie and accepted the work at Georgetown.

former Annette McDaniel, was graduated in the class of 1944. These young people have a bright future ahead in the cause that claims their deepest devotion.

Director J. A. Travis and the writer journeyed to McComb on Tuesday evening to a meeting of a group interested in the promotion of the enlargement program in Pike county. Dr. Willis Cotten, one of our old students and one of our dearest friends, sponsored the meeting and treated the group to a delicious steak supper. The following named former students and friends of Mississippi College were present: Dr. Willis Cotten (1927), Donald P. Dunn (1918), Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt (Hillman); Hon. F. D. Hewitt (1905), Lt. F. D. Hewitt, Jr., chaplain in the navy (1931), R. G. W. Girling (1925), Rev. D. W. Nix, Rev. S. W. White, Rev. Tipton, Rev. Bass, Rev. H. P. Porter, J. A. Terrall and Rev. G. E. Wells.

The organization was perfected with Donald Dunn and Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt as co-chairmen. Plans were laid to carry the program to every church in the county; and, in addition to individual gifts, to prevail upon the churches to put Mississippi College in the budget. Those bringing messages were Wyatt Hunter, Dr. Willis Cotten, Mrs. Hewitt, Donald Dunn and the representatives from the college. It was a splendid and enthusiastic meeting.

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